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In re the Application of: **Iwao SAIKATSU et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.